

March 2004 Marine Mammal and Turtle Incidental Take Report

Observers in the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP) collect these data using standardized protocols. When the data are received, NEFSC staff verifies the identification and condition of the animals through the observer descriptions, biological samples collected and photographs. If the identification of an animal is in question, the DNA sample is analyzed to determine the species. However, the data used in this report is obtained from the observer program's OBSCON tables and is considered preliminary data as many of the database checks and audits have not yet been completed.

The following observed trips were completed during the month of March, 2004: 80 Anchored Sink Gillnet, 10 Drift Sink Gillnet, 2 Anchored Floating Gillnet, 63 Bottom Otter Trawl, 5 Scallop Dredge, 1 Pot and Trap, 1 Midwater Otter Trawl, 4 Midwater Paired Otter Trawl, 3 Bottom Longline and 9 Closed Area Scallop. There were 6 aborted trips. The following takes were observed:

<i>Trip Type</i>	<i>Trip ID*</i>	<i>Date Landed</i>	<i>Number of Takes</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Disposition</i>
BOT 050	A03003-	03/24/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, fresh
ASG 100	B13032L	03/4/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C12007C	03/10/2004	1	gray seal	dead, fresh
BOT 050	C14007-	03/28/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, fresh
BOT 050	C25011-	03/24/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, fresh
BOT 050	C25011-	03/24/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, fresh
BOT 050	C25011-	03/24/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	alive, seen by captain/crew only
BOT 050	C25011-	03/24/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, fresh
BOT 050	C25011-	03/24/2004	1	dolphin, nk	dead, severely decomposed
MOT 370	C34029-	03/7/2004	1	dolphin, nk	dead, condition unknown
ASG 100	C59004C	03/2/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
BOT 050	C68011-	03/28/2004	1	atlantic white-sided dolphin	dead, moderately decomposed
ASG 100	C69009C	03/15/2004	1	harp seal	dead, fresh
ASG 100	C69010C	03/19/2004	1	seal, nk	dead, condition unknown

***"C" signifies a complete fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for complete catch data); "L" signifies a limited fish data collection trip (all hauls were observed for marine mammal interactions and fallouts); "-" signifies all other trips.*

ASG = Anchored Sink Gillnet, MOT = Midwater Otter Trawl, BOT = Bottom Otter Trawl